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1(b).

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading FRIEDMAN RICHARD A Issuer Symbol Nalco Holding CO [NLC] (Check all applicable) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Last) (Month/Day/Year) _X__ Director 10% Owner Other (specify Officer (give title C/O GOLDMAN, SACHS & 04/29/2005 below) CO., 85 BROAD STREET (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting NEW YORK, NY 10004 (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	ransaction Date 2A. Deemed nth/Day/Year) Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)		4. Securities Acquired on(A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
			Code V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	(Instr. 4)	(
Common Stock	04/29/2005		P	200	A	\$ 17.82	22,121,505	I	See Footnotes (1) (2) (3)	
Common Stock	04/29/2005		S	200	D	\$ 17.89	22,121,305	I	See Footnotes (1) (2) (3)	

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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				Code v	(A) (D)				Shares		

Reporting Owners

Relationships Reporting Owner Name / Address

> Director 10% Owner Officer

FRIEDMAN RICHARD A C/O GOLDMAN, SACHS & CO. **85 BROAD STREET** NEW YORK, NY 10004

Signatures

/s/ Edward T. Joel, Attorney-in-fact

05/03/2005

**Signature of Reporting Person

Explanation of Responses:

- If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
- Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- The Reporting Person is a managing director of Goldman, Sachs & Co. ("Goldman Sachs"). Goldman Sachs is a direct and indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of The Goldman Sachs Group, Inc. ("GS Group"). The securities reported herein as indirectly purchased and sold were beneficially owned directly by Goldman Sachs. Without admitting any legal obligation, Goldman Sachs or an affiliate will remit appropriate profits, if any, to Nalco Holding Company (the "Company").
- The 22,121,305 shares reported herein as indirectly beneficially owned are beneficially owned directly by Nalco LLC and reflects an indirect beneficial ownership in the Company based on the membership interest in Nalco LLC held by certain investment partnerships and a limited liability company of which affiliates of Goldman Sachs and GS Group are the general partner, managing general partner, managing partner or manager, which own in the aggregate approximately 24% of Nalco LLC. The balance of the membership interest in Nalco LLC is held by affiliates of The Blackstone Group L.P. and Apollo Management V, L.P., as well as certain members of management of the Company.
- The Reporting Person disclaims beneficial ownership of all shares of Nalco Holding Company's (the "Company"), common stock, par value \$.01 per share ("Common Stock") in excess of his pecuniary interest, if any, and this report shall not be deemed an admission that any such person or entity is the beneficial owner of, or has any pecuniary interest in, such securities for purposes of Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or for any other purpose.

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